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A Wife Who Was Not a Woman

West Superior, Wis., Dec. 24.—Some unusual facts were brought out in a case before the Municipal Court this morning, when Mathias Staliba was arraigned for deserting his wife. The couple were married in Poland. The husband had been here a year. She just came here. The attorney for the defense set up the plea that the wife was a hermaphrodite and could not legally enter into the marriage relation. He presented to the court a special dispensation from the Arch bishop of Poland, signed also by the Imperial Governor, annulling the marriage on the ground that the wife was no woman.

Killed Himself Before His Wife.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Wm. Shepard, a butcher, committed suicide at 1 o'clock this morning by swallowing morphine. It was done in the presence of his wife, who pleaded in vain for her husband to desist. Shepard died in a few minutes. Shepard and his wife had quarreled.

Charge of Treason.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The statement in these dispatches Friday afternoon that the Ministry has evidence that the present attack on the government is part of an organized plan for the overthrow of the Republic, and that each step taken is carefully discussed in advance by the plotters against the Constitution, is fully confirmed, and the evidence has arrived at that stage that the government is prepared to arrest certain of the conspirators against whom there is sufficient evidence on charges of treason.

M. Andrieux is regarded as the manager of the plot against the Republic, and the first blow is to be struck at him. When warned that he would be arrested, M. Andrieux replied: "I have nothing to fear. If I am arrested it will be to save M. Floquet from disgrace and punishment. The government is seeking for clues to prove the existence of a Bonapartist and Royalist plot, and desires to make out that I am implicated in it. It seems to me that the real plot is altogether of another character. I have taken precautions so that if I go to the Government on blithe (dungeon) the public will know the real motives for my arrest."

The precautions that Andrieux has taken are, it is said, the deposit with trustworthy parties in London of duplicates of all the documentary evidence which he has collected against prominent Republicans. This fact, however, will not affect the action of the government in the slightest degree.

The Floor Gave Way.

Tennessee City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—A horrible accident occurred at a Christmas celebration here tonight. Over 200 people had gathered in Masonic Hall, where a Christmas tree had been arranged. Mr. A. O. Geisinger of Chicago had

just concluded some remarks of a pleasant nature when the floor gave way and all the people were precipitated to the lower floor, a distance of 16 feet. There was the greatest excitement and the groans and screams of the injured attracted many people to the scene. It was 40 minutes before all the people were got out. Nearly every one was injured more or less. The most seriously hurt is a son of George Crawford, who was injured internally and will die. Mrs. C. C. Moody, Mrs. D. McCord and Mrs. F. McGary were seriously injured.

The Zuni Indian Trouble.

Denver, Dec. 24.—The torturing of the two alleged witches at the pueblo of Zuni, a few days ago, is likely to have a dramatic sequel. Last Saturday an attempt was made to arrest the Indians guilty of this outrage, but vigorous resistance was offered to Deputy United States Marshal Green of Gallup. The tribe consists of about 1,500, of whom 300 are warriors. Two companies of United States troops and two Gatling guns were ordered from Fort Wingate to support the Marshal, and trouble is likely. Two witches were tied up by their thumbs for three days and tortured in many other ways until dead.

Heaviest Man In America, *Brooklyn Eagle.*

John Hanson Craig, of Danville, Hendricks county, Ind., is said to be the heaviest man in the United States, as far as known. A record of his weight at different periods may be interesting: At birth, 11 pounds; at 11 months, 77 pounds; at 2 years, 206 pounds; at 5 years, 302 pounds; at 11 years, 405 pounds; at 19 years, 601 pounds; at 25 years, 725 pounds; at 27 years, 753 pounds; at 28 years, 792 pounds. At 37 years in 1890 he tipped the scales at 907 pounds. He stood, at that time, 6 feet 5 inches, and measured 8 feet four inches at the hips. It takes forty-one yards of cloth to supply him with a suit of clothes; it takes three pounds of yarn to make him a pair of stockings. He wears No. 12 shoes. Mr. Craig's father weighed from 115 to 120 pounds and his mother not over 110 or 115 pounds. His wife weighs about 130 pounds. Two years ago she gave birth to a girl baby, their only child. Mr. Craig's great great grandfather on his mother's side was Governor Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, who was born in Ireland. Dr. Hanson Catlett, his grandfather, was assistant surgeon general of the United States for thirty-five years and died in the government service at East Liberty, Pa. On his father's side Mr. Craig's grandfather was a native of Scotland and his grandmother a German, having been born in Frankfort. He is a first cousin of William P. Hepburn, solicitor for the United States treasury. Mr. Craig was born in Iowa City, Iowa. He is claimed to be the largest man in the world.

Dave Culberson.

New York World.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The deference men pay to recognized learning and ability was well illustrated in the house to-day when a motion was made to suspend the rules and pass a bill to render corporations liable to suit in the state courts of any state where they do business. Ex-Speaker Reed asked for fuller information. He wanted to know what the bill meant, what the present law is and some constitutional points. The house had no particular interest in the bill, but when Mr. Culberson of Texas arose to expound it the hum of conversation and clatter of every kind ceased, so that every word was heard, though Mr. Culberson's voice is not a very resonant one. The house is always interested in any exposition Mr. Culberson may give of any question of law, because he is not only the ablest lawyer in congress, but has the gift to expound difficult questions so clearly that the dullest layman cannot fail to understand. In this case he made Mr. Reed understand, though he did not utter more than a dozen brief sentences.

The story goes that on one occasion Mr. Reed and Mrs. Burrows were conversing with a lady when Mr. Reed pointed out Mr. Culberson as the ablest constitutional lawyer in congress. The lady expressed surprise saying that he did not look to her like a man of brains at all. "Oh," replied Mr. Burrows, "he doesn't wear his brains outside."

Dangerous Raindrops.

From Nature.

Of course we all know that it would be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it not for the forty odd miles of atmosphere that rises above our heads. But, supposing it were possible for human beings to exist in an atmosphere that only rose to a level with their mouths, and that storm clouds could form in the region outside such a low grade atmosphere, then every rain drop would prove as fatal to earthly creatures as if it were a steel bullet fired from a dynamite gun.

All falling bodies, whether they be crystal raindrops or meteorites, fall with what philosophers term "a uniform accelerated motion;" in other words, if a body be moving at a certain velocity at the expiration of one second from the beginning of its fall it will be moving with twice that velocity at the expiration of two seconds, gaining in speed at a uniform rate throughout the whole course of its fall.

Careful experiments have shown that the rate at which a body acquires velocity in falling through the air is 32 feet per second at the end of the first second from starting. At the end of the next second it is going at the rate of 64 feet per second, and so on through the whole time of falling. Where the velocity is known the space through which the body has fallen may be ascertained by multiplying the ve-

locity at that period by the number of seconds during which it has been falling, and dividing the result by two.

This rule applies, however, only to bodies falling through a vacuum. the resistance of our atmosphere materially retards raindrops, hailstones, aerolites and all other bodies which fall through it, and were it not for the resistance it presents every rain storm would be disastrous to the human race, as each drop would fall with a velocity great enough to penetrate the full length of a full grown man's body.

A Novel Thief Detector.

Paris Letter to London Telegraph.

M. Brain, a bootmaker, living in the Rue Richer, has an ingenious fashion of catching persons who manifest an intention to appropriate any of his goods disposed for sale outside his shop. Whenever he goes to his dining-room for meals he ties the out of door selection of boots and shoes to an electric wire which communicates with an alarm. To-day an intending thief was caught in the act of trying to annex a pair of "elastic sides." The alarm sounded and the bootmaker was on the alert in time to point out the fast disappearing culprit to a policeman. M. Brain had lost several pairs of boots before he tried the "electric bell arrangement."

Columbia's Precaution *Against Cholera.*

Panama, Dec. 24.—President Nunez of the United States of Colombia, in reference to the opinion that cholera will break out in the spring with greater violence than it had last summer, suggests that Congress should pass an act imposing a tax of \$1,000 on every vessel bringing foreign merchandise into Colombian port, the money derived to be devoted to perfecting sanitary arrangements. It is proposed to establish quarantine stations in the Atlantic ports in the event of cholera.

The Voice from the Telephone: Is this Mr. Titters? Titters: Yes; who are you? The Voice from the Telephone sweetly: Your fiancée, love. Titters: Er—can't you be a little more explicit?—Chicago News Record.

A sensational story is told by a boy at Little Rock of counterfeit coin being made in the Arkansas prison.

A Conflict of authorities.—Grace Ingle: Have you decided yet whether you shall accept Mr. Lyonanoff? Mary Maines: No—o. Bradstreet says I may, but Dun says I mustn't.—Puck.

Tom McDowell killed Bill Schwalby on Devil's River, 100 miles west of Dallas, Tex. Both are prominent sheepmen.

President B. J. Martin of the wrecked Webster Bank of Eudora, Miss., was yesterday rearrested at Memphis, Tenn.